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Disastrous Fire Sweeps West Liberty

Fire Originated in Day & Davis' Store at 12 O'clock Monday Night. Cause Unknown.

Large General Store of Day & Davis, General Store of Dorsa Keeton, Grocery Store of Henry Cole, Barber Shop, Carter Building and Methodist Church Totally Destroyed.

HEROIC WORK OF BUCKET BRIGADE SAVES COLE HOTEL AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

West Liberty was visited Monday night by the most disastrous fire in the history of the town. The fire originated up stairs in Day & Davis' store from some unknown cause and was beyond control when discovered. The flames quickly spread to the Arcade building, owned and occupied by Dorsa Keeton as a general store. The fighters worked hard trying to prevent the fire from reaching the Arcade but on account of having no ladders of sufficient length to reach the roof were unsuccessful. After the fire reached the Arcade there was no possible chance of saving any of the remaining buildings in the row from there to the Methodist church, and all hands turned their attention to removing goods from the stores and to the work of saving the Cole Hotel and Oakley & Lykins' store. It looked for awhile as though the hotel could not be saved but the heroic work of the fighters together with the absence of

high winds and aided by recent rains it was saved.

It was four hours from the time the fire first started till the danger was considered past. It was about 11:45 when the fire was first discovered and the alarm given. The whole town was aroused and everybody assisted in trying to extinguish the flames and saving the contents of the buildings. Very few articles were saved from Day & Davis' store, but the contents of the other buildings were all saved. A good many things that were saved were carried to the opposite side of the street were greatly damaged by the intense heat. The Cole Hotel was damaged considerably by the blistering of the paint on the entire front facing the burning buildings.

All of the buildings were frame and not even a charred post was left standing.

The general store of Oakley &

Lykins was also damaged considerably by water which was carried in the front way in buckets and taken up stairs and thrown against the side of the house from the windows, a good deal of it being spilt while carrying it through the building and up the stairs.

The loss is estimated at between \$12,000 and \$15,000, with only \$5,500 insurance. The insurance was all carried by S. W. Cecil and Day & Davis. Mr. Cecil having \$2,000 on his store building and Day & Davis \$3,500 on their stock of goods. The other property owners and merchants occupying the buildings were unable to get insurance because of the location and kind of buildings.

LATER—Since writing the above we have learned that the cause of the fire was a defective stove pipe which reached from the stove down stairs to the room above where the fire originated.

Marriage of Miss Lucy Fogg to Mr. Lawson Comes As Surprise to Friends.

The marriage of Miss Lucy Fogg and Mr. C. E. Lawson was celebrated Thursday evening in the home of the bride on the South Side at six o'clock.

It was a quiet affair, but very beautiful, only the immediate family of the bride witnessing the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. F. W. Eberhardt, pastor of the Baptist church.

The house was beautifully decorated with pink and white chrysanthemums and potted plants, and was a lovely setting for the affair.

The handsome bride wore an elegant gown of brown, with hat to match, and it was most becoming to her brunette beauty. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses.

The ceremony concluded, the bridal pair, together with the bride's mother and sisters, enjoyed a splendid dinner, after which Mr. and Mrs. Lawson left for a trip in the East.

Mrs. Lawson is one of the most admired young ladies in the Capital City, talented and charming.

Mr. Lawson is a valued employee of the Hoge-Montgomery Shoe Co., and was a former resident of Morgan county. Since coming here to make his home he has made many friends, who will congratulate him on winning such a lovely bride.—Frankfort News-Journal.

Mr. Lawson and wife visited his old home the first of the week

and his many friends and former neighbors were glad to extend congratulations in which the Courier heartily joins.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

Those owing me by note or account will please call and settle at once as I will be forced, on account of my recent loss by fire, to push collections with all possible dispatch. I hope this notice will be sufficient and that I will not have to make a second appeal.

Yours very truly,
D. R. KEETON.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing and family, of Riverton, Ky., visited Wm. Short and family last week.

Charley Cecil and wife, of Hazel Green, visited relatives here last week.

All kinds of legal blanks for Justices of the Peace for sale at this office.

Jimmie and Charley Neal, of Wilmore, are visiting relatives in and about West Liberty.

Charley Bowling, of Heidelberg, is spending a few days in town.

Henry Cole bought of Charley Cecil, seventy-five acres of land lying on the head of Long branch.

James M. McClain and family, of Nicholas county, are visiting on Elk Fork.

John D. Henry, of Nicholas

county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. V. Nickell.

WILLIAMS-LACY.

Married Wednesday evening at the residence of Rev. J. H. Cottle, of Forest, Miss Vernie Williams and Mr. Curtis Lacy. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams and is a handsome and attractive young lady. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lacy, (Mrs. Lacy now deceased) and is a prominent young farmer and stockman, well-known throughout Morgan and adjoining counties.

The best wishes of the Courier and the host of friends of the happy couple go with them.

To The Democrats of Morgan Co.

I desire, through the columns of the Courier, to congratulate you one and all for the splendid showing made by you at the polls last Tuesday, and to thank you for your loyalty and hearty co-operation. It was a splendid fight and a splendid victory, and was not the work of one man nor of a few men but was made possible by the combined efforts of the Democratic voters of the county, and to you it gives me pleasure to give the praise and the credit, for to you the credit justly belongs.

Very sincerely yours,
R. S. COLLIER.

Take your old hat to Mrs. Hurt to be made over.

M. CREARY IS ELECTED, 30,000 MAJORITY

GREAT VICTORY For DEMOCRATS

Entire Democratic
State Ticket Elected

Democratic Gains In Both Houses of The General Assembly.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT FALLS DOWN ON JUDGE O'REAR

Substantial Democratic Gains Reported From Other States.

Victory? Yes—but how about the majority? Sweeping decisive, phenomenal. A reversal of more than fifty thousand in four years.

The cause—Taftism, Aldrichism, Willsonism, O'Rearism, Powersism and Langlyism. Judge O'Rear tried O, so hard to keep national issues out of the campaign, but no! The people demanded a discussion of them and it had to come. The people have spoken in no uncertain tones in repudiation of Republican policies in the State and Nation.

Returns showing the majorities of the other Democratic nominees for State office are not available but it is believed that they ran but little behind their leader. The Congressional Districts that are Democratic increased their majorities, while the Tenth was

wrested from the Republicans by more than 2,000. The Eleventh District, the Republican Gibraltar in Kentucky, instead of giving O'Rear 35,000 as the leaders claimed, fell down to 12,000. Its usual majority is about 20,000. McCreary's majority in Morgan county is 685, a gain of nearly 300 since last November. Montgomery county, O'Rear's former home, gave McCreary 425. Franklin county, the present home of Judge O'Rear gave a Democratic majority of over 1,600. Breathitt county fell back to the tune of 669 majority for McCreary. Magoffin county's Republican majority was reduced from 700 to less than 500. The Republicans also lost heavily in the Sandy Valley.

Ollie James' district rolled up the magnificent majority of 11,000 for the Democratic ticket which is just 1,000 short of O'Rear's majority in the Eleventh.

Hon. B. S. Wilson, (Democrat) was elected Representative from the Bath-Rowan district by 225. The Breathitt-Lee-Magoffin district, largely Republican, also elected a Democratic Representative, Hon. A. B. Hatton, of Jackson, Ky.

The Democrats also made substantial gains in other States where State elections were held Tuesday.

The Democratic landslide in Kentucky last Tuesday will have great influence upon the presidential election throughout the country next fall.

TRIES TO
WRECK TRAIN

Watchfulness of Engineer and Quick Work of Train Crew Avert Awful Tragedy.

CROSS TIE PLACED ON TRACK BY UNKNOWN PERSONS.

On last Saturday night as the special train bearing a crowd of nearly 150 people, a great many of whom were women and children, neared Stacy Fork the engineer discovered an object on the track just ahead. Hastily applying the air brake the train was brought to a standstill within a few yards of two cross-ties which had been placed on the rails in such a manner that derailment would have been inevitable had the train not been stopped upon the moment. The work of putting the ties on the track had been done by some one who was on to his job and there is no question about his intentions. That he or they intended to wreck the train there is not the least doubt. The train was carrying a party which had been to Cannel City to hear Congressman Sherley speak, and was crowded to its utmost capacity. The officials of the railroad are very indignant over the cowardly act and say they will spare no pains to bring the guilty party to justice.

See Mrs. Hurt's line of Up-to-Date HATS. Her samples of Tailored Suits, Coats and Skirts are as handsome as can be found anywhere.

LAST NOTICE!

Unless those who are owing us come in and make settlements AT ONCE we will be compelled to enforce collection. Our business must be closed and ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to us, either by note or account, must come in and make settlement. We trust this will be heeded at once and save us further trouble.

Very respectfully,
WOMACK & TURNER.

The Vindications of an Old Field.

The winner in the Boys' Corn Growing contest in Walker county, the boy who made 214 bushels of corn on one acre of land, says in his report that the acre of land he cultivated in this contest had been in cultivation for about fifty years and that under the old system of farming usually produced about thirty bushels to the acre.

Yet this lad, working his acre according to the best methods, carefully selecting his seed, putting the seed bed in splendid condition, fertilizing the land heavily, tending it with every care, was able to make 214 bushels of corn on one acre!

What a vindication for the half-century-old field, and what an indictment for the ordinary system of corn cultivation! And when these boys, who easily raise 100, 150 and 200 bushels of corn to the acre, at a cost of 10 cents a bushel up, become men, and this system of farming is the rule instead of the exception, what wealth is going to be wrought from Georgia fields every year!

The people of the seventh district owe Congressman Lee a debt of gratitude for his public spirit in offering the prizes in his district for the purpose of demonstrating to the world what can

be accomplished in the northwest corner of Georgia. Now that he has led the way the organization should be kept up from year to year. Here in Walker in 1912 we should have at least a hundred boys competing in the corn growing contest, and the prizes should total several hundred dollars. We do not believe we can make a better investment than to put up some handsome prizes for the boys.

The boys of Walker have given a good account of themselves in the district corn contest and there is a possibility that a Walker boy may win the highest honors at Cartersville, and at Athens, where they meet the winners of the other districts. But the greatest good that comes from these contests is not the value of the prizes won by one section but the actual proof to the world and to southern farmers and southern boys that southern soils are as productive as any and that there is wealth in the old fields still, where proper methods of farming are used.—Walker County (Ga.) Messenger.

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Origin of Pillow Lace. A European legend of the origin of pillow lace gives the credit for its discovery to Barbara Uttman of Nuremberg, Germany, in 1561. This is antedated, however, by two volumes of a book on lace printed in 1557 in Venice, copies of which are in the Manuscript Library, Valtorta, and which explain several well-developed pillow lace patterns.